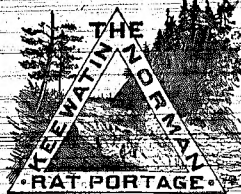


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Feb. 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Sale of Shares.
TENDERS are invited up to the 1st day of February, A.D. 1892, for the purchase of 147 shares of the capital stock of the Lake of the Woods Gold and Silver Reduction Co. (Limited), standing in the name of George Clayton Fiske in the books of the Company, and transferable on the Company's books in the hand office at Rat Portage. Par value \$10 per share.

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WHY THE DELAY?
It is now the end of January and there are no indications of anything being done toward the improvement of the navigation of Rainy River. It is very evident that the Government will do nothing until they are aroused from their lethargic policy of procrastination by some vigorous kicking. For instance, Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan river for years petitioned and begged for railway communication with the outside world, but were put off from year to year till they kicked so vigorously that they got what they demanded. The navigation of Rainy river should have been improved years ago, as has been admitted by repeated appropriation of amounts voted for that purpose. It is to be assumed from experience that no money will be expended until the people make the loudest kind of protest. Now is the time to begin; the past is gone, and there should be no putting off to the future by the thought that our member will or ought to attend to that. No doubt he was elected for that purpose, but neither Mr. Macdonnell nor any other ordinary member of the House can go to the Government and say "I want this" or "that," and succeed in getting it unless quite vigorously backed up by his constituents. Taking the future into consideration the people at this end of the district should make such representations as will be effective in securing the improvement of the navigation of Rainy river, as it will soon be necessary to make other important demands upon the Government, and it is better to dispose of one thing at a time. We will soon require to be established as a port of entry; then will follow custom house and post office buildings and other matters. Therefore let us get this Rainy river business speedily disposed of.

—D. B. Burdette, a well known man in the city, a man of great weight in many weights, and known to all his friends as "Dan," is a mutilated man of experience, and is the recognized leader of the large fleet of armored yachts and men-of-war on the Lake of the Woods. Dan owns extensive mining properties some miles west of Rat Portage on this beautiful lake, and uses his flagship as the means of transportation between the town and his valuable holdings. No matter how shrill the winds may shriek or how ferocious the waves may dash against the sides of his noble craft, he dauntless stands at the wheel and with set teeth and decided look safely guides his boat to her "landing place." He can not only "handle" reef and steer, but the main brace should part, no man in his crew is so able as he to splice it. Through Mr. Burdette is a Canadian by birth, his heart belongs to the United States, and in the event of any trouble with Canada, there is no reason to fear that Admiral Burdette would sail his formidable fleet under any flag except the stars and stripes.

Minneapolis Journal

JUST A FEW MORE.

By HARRY GORDON.

There are so many "prominent men" in the town.

Do I forget a number to put their names down.
So if you'll give me your kind permission, I'll publish you all with your own edition of Rat Portage's prominent men.

There's our photographer artist, H. Grant and H. Wright.
Who will take your a picture by day or by night.

Upon the Main street, both their places are seen.
All on the same side, with just three doors between.

They are both of them prominent men.
There's the humble, Drury, and Hensley, who sell by wholesale.

Brooklyn, rum, gin, and back's pale ale.
Doubtless, London porter, and all kinds of wine.

Imported direct from the land of grape vines.
There are all of them prominent men.

The milliner and waterman next do combine,
And supply us with fresh milk and water so fine.

One fresh from the cow, and the other the lake,
Which get mixed together sometimes by mistake.

They are all of them prominent men.
Then comes the Chinese who can live upon rice.

And washed your clothes all so clean and so nice.
Two Sam, Quong Lee and his brother you'll find.

Colossal beings with pistols behind.
They are some of our prominent men.

Next, comes the journey to supply us with tea,
Which in summer makes water so cool and so nice.

Every morning he'll leave you a lump at your door.
Any weight you may want from a pound to a score.

He is one of our prominent men.
There's the Irish Murphy, the man who will let you a bit.

Any kind of wares, covered carriage or rig.
Phantom or coachman, wheelbarrow or sleigh, 'd again or sled, by the hour or day.

He is one of our prominent men.
There's John Quincy too, who drives the town dry.

The form on the street is seen every day.
He's a bachelor, long, but does not mind that.

His family comprises a dog and a cat.
He is one of our prominent men.

There is Mrs. B. Sharpe of boarding house fame.
Mrs. Dalmage also and some more I can't name.

They all take in boarders and feed them for cash.
On beef, steak, and boiled, and mysterious hash.

They are all of them prominent men.
Then come the builders and plasterers as well.

And want builders plenty the number to swell.
All working destruction where ever they go, And killing each other by contrasting too low.

They are all of them prominent men.
Next come the painters, who at their trade, The most brilliant creatures that God ever made.

What the woodcutters spoil they have to make good.
And bear all abuse as good mystere should.

They are all of them prominent men.
Our stone-clebs come next to be grouted and polished.

Who stand behind counters from moun-
tain night.

Who is travelling and trying to boom up the town;
May success crown his efforts to do so, and then,
Long live Mr. Linn, and well all say hello.
For he is one of our prominent men.

CORRESPONDENCE.
[We decline responsibility for the opinions and statements of correspondents.]

A MILD POND KICKER.
To the Editor of The Record.

Sir,—Through the columns of your journal I should wish to draw the attention of the Rat Portage public to a letter which appeared in the News of this week over the signature of "A Skater." Despite its unique style of composition an intelligent reader can at once discern that the writer is prompted more by a fancied slight to his profession than a sense of injustice to the public. It is well known that the practice of suspending season tickets on carnival nights is "universal" throughout the Dominion. Here the system has always been in force and has always found favor in the eyes of Rat Portagers. Few complaints and now finding their way to the columns of a newspaper, have been made. Besides, the face of the ticket itself states definitely the carnival provision. At any rate I would propose that further kicking on the part of the writer of the News item should be postponed until the management of the Princess rink is satisfied that the kicker's season ticket has been paid for.

ANOTHER SKATER.

WANTS THE NAME CHANGED.
To the Editor of The Record.

Sir,—I have a great deal of talk about changing the name Rat Portage, a change I consider much to be desired by all living in this locality, who have a taste for the grand, magnificent, and beautiful, where nature has been as lavish as it has been here in the distribution of everything grand, picturesque and lovely. Some would indeed be oblivious to the grandeur of their surroundings who would not do all in their power to impart beauty to nature's beauties. I am convinced I have been consulted at different times by friends regarding a suitable name to take the place of the one so ill adapted as the one it now bears. I should certainly approve of some Indian name suitable to the locality. The name Munnah-ah occurred to me as one which would suit very well. It is a sweet poetical name, and a traditional one having been applied to this end of the Lake of the Woods long ago, and is of Sanskrit origin; it means the place of the water and holy rocks (our islands). Frequent mention is made of this locality in the historical sketches of Minnesota long ago. Before the advent of the white man this region was inhabited by an uncivilized people, known in history as the Assiniboines (Soux of the rocks) who were subsequently driven out of the country by invading tribes of the Ojibwa nation, who were mighty and warlike race. A people inhabiting the country bordering on the great lakes. They opened hostilities on those quiet and peaceable tribes then inhabiting the Lake of the Woods region. A system of futuristic warfare was inaugurated between the two tribes and carried on with high-spirited courage to the limit. To save themselves from utter annihilation they fled from this country, and sought refuge in the beautiful valley of that river of Manitoba that now bears their name. A small remnant of this once powerful, noble tribe is now extinct and inhabiting the country contiguous to Wood Mountain in the Canadian North West. Among the points of interest mentioned in this locality are Manitow and Wapiti Lake. They are made victims of those dark, bloody and cruel times long past. The peaceful tribes found it necessary to flee from the land of coming of victory. They drove the Assiniboines from the hunting grounds of their fathers, of which they had held possession for time immemorial.

Thanking you, Sir, Editor, for the space allowed for these few remarks, I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
A LADY ADMIRER.

TOWN TOPICS

Dr. Scovill has gone to Chicago on a pleasure trip.

Friday, February 5th, is the date fixed for the Masonic ball.

Mr. H. F. Holmes was in Winnipeg on Monday and Tuesday.

The show advertised for last Monday evening in Victoria Hall was a complete fraud.

Rev. R. Nairn will hold services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

A session of the Division court was held on Tuesday, at which a number of cases were disposed of.

Messrs. Lea & Thompson, having finished putting up ice for H. Fenske & Co., are ready to make further contracts, large or small.

In writing of those citizens of Rat Portage who when in Toronto registered as from Winnipeg, the News hits some of its close friends very hard.

If you want bouquets of cut flowers for any ball or party leave your order with Mr. J. F. Philbin four days in advance when they will be procured fresh.

A meeting of the Reduction Works Co. was held in Winnipeg this week at which Mr. J. P. Larkin, secretary, Mr. G. Brandt, manager, and Mr. H. W. Kennedy, director, attended.

Yesterday afternoon a number of our business men held a meeting in the city hall for the purpose of forming a protective association. A committee to report at a subsequent meeting was formed as follows—Messrs. J. M. Savage, A. Carmichael, Frank Gardner, J. Hoss, A. S. Hoss, W. G. A. Kohn and Alex. Matheson.

Rockport, Saultna, Piquonaga, Minnabie, Beaver, Kichewan, Keenora, and other names are suggested for the new town to be formed of the municipality of Rat Portage. But many prefer the old ratty name. If they are so fond of the idea contained in the name, why not make it more euphonious and call it "Rhodontia," which suggests Rhodes.

Sheriff Carpenter this week had the honor of a short visit from Miss Lily Evans, an honor graduate of the "Thiladelphia School of oratory, and her sister Miss Evans. With Mrs. Barclay they have been engaged during the past three months in helping the finances of the Medicine Hat Hospital under the direction of Superintendent Niblock of the C.P.R. Owing to an engagement in the East it was impossible for them to give an entertainment here; consequently our citizens missed a treat as Miss Evans is a very pleasing and clever elocutionist.

We omitted last week to assure our readers that our story, "The great war syndicate," would be printed so that it could be read, and that though it is a just description of what it would run in proper order, and there would be no breaks except the one made at the end of each week's instalment. We consider this assurance necessary because of the experience the people of Rat Portage have had in regard to mixing and repeating stereotype matter. If a newspaper does use stereotype matter, it can be printed consecutively and need not be repeated unless the sheet is too large for the support it receives.

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of February, Rat Portage will be visited by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, calling themselves "the original company" from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., as no doubt they are as far as it is possible at this date, considering that they were first organized twenty years ago. This company singing the grandest jubilee songs in a manner unequalled by any, and will no doubt be greeted by full houses in Victoria hall. On February 4th last, by special appointment with President Harrison, the Fisk Jubilee Singers gave a concert in the library of the White House, the President and his whole family being present, and expressing great pleasure at the way the songs were rendered. This was the fifth time the Singers have been honored by an invitation to the White House.

SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL

This is a correct report of the carnival held at the Princess skating rink on Thursday evening last. There was a very large attendance of spectators and the ice was in splendid condition. It is needless to say that everybody enjoyed themselves.

Messrs. A. Campbell, M. Kyle and A. Woods were judges on all the prizes except fancy skating which was judged by Messrs. J. M. Savage, W. A. McLeod and Rev. W. N. Jamieson.

The following are the prize winners: Ladies best costume, Mrs. Thos. Young.

Gent's best costume, Alf. Bird.

Best lady fancy skater, Miss Eva Welsh.

Best gent fancy skater, Alf. McIlhenny.

Gift's best costume, Gerrie Scovill.

Boys best costume, John McCarthy.

Gent's best comic costume, Geo. DeMange.

Following is a list of others in fancy dress:

C. H. Carpenter, college student.

Mollie Gahagan, Spanish dancing girl.

Hattie Mulligan, a dress of many colors.

Glen Dulmage, wild man from Borneo.

Kenneth Matheson, Mexican Jack.

Flora McMurphy, Mexican lady.

Mrs. Gray, evening star.

Harry S. Holmes, caricature of Glover Cleveland.

Oreta Chadwick, flower girl.

Miss McMurray, costume pink silk hand painted to represent flower girl.

Florence Hensley, Indian princess.

W. J. Rowe, Volunteer.

S. Bottrell, day and night.

Annie Simmons, Spanish princess.

F. H. Savage, country boy from Beaver.

H. E. Hoek, troubador.

Sarah Brown, country girl from Beaver.

J. B. Baxter, clown.

Buchel Findley, Geneva cross nurse.

Tom Hanson, page.

N. H. Thompson, professor.

A. McCall, baby.

C. Forth, a country person.

A. Roun, Topsy, the African girl.

Miss Mulligan, flower girl.

C. R. Donogh, naval officer.

Joe. Perrott, dish whaloper.

Jessie Julius, 7-mo girl.

Class. Ferrell, a bright night.

Genghis, Clark, snow.

A. McDonald, Turkey.

G. G. Clark, standard bearer.

Mrs. Ferrier, morning star.

A. R. McDonald, Irishman.

Alpha McDonald, soldier.

J. Derry, fat man.

May Scovill, a girl in the reign of King Charles II.

James Mulligan, nigger dude.

Tom. Lewis, clown.

A. E. Chick, uncle Sam.

Maudie Findley, Highland lassie.

Alma Thompson, tissue paper girl.

Fred Thompson, clown boy.

—We are under the necessity of making a rule that changes of advertisements be handed in to our office not later than Thursday morning.

INDULGENCE GRAVED

Suffering from an attack of quincy this week, the editor of THE RECORD has been unable to leave the house, therefore we crave the indulgence of our readers for any deficiencies or omissions from local matter. We have to thank friends for matter furnished us by them and for telephone items.

A Sensible Statement.

Sirs—Having used your Burdock Blood Bitters successfully for some time past, I must state that for my complaint of biliousness and acid stomach I have never found an equal, and I continue to use it and recommend it to my friends and neighbors. W. S. CROSBY, St. Thomas, Ont.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

Symptoms—Moisture, intense itching and burning, most at night; worse by retching. If allowed to continue, causes hemorrhoids, often fatal and chronic, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, relieves the pain, and in most cases cures the disease. Advertisements, or by mail for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Lyman Sons & Co., Montreal, Wholesale Agents.

Just why so many people suffer pain when a remedy of known and certain effect like Haggard's Yellow Oil may be had at every drug store, is not very clear. This needless pain nothing remedy is a prompt and pleasant cure for sore throat, strep, colds, rheumatism, lumbago, etc. Price 25 cents.

MARRIAGE.

McKEITH—MINORLY.—At Knox church mense, by the Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., on the 24th inst., William McKeth and Fanny Midget, both of Rat Portage.

CONSUMPTION

I have a positive remedy for this disease. It is a cure of cases of the worst kind and of long standing has been cured. I have done it up in my office, that I will send TWO BOTTLES FREE with a VALUABLE TRACT on this disease to any sufferer who will send me their ADDRESS and P.O. address. T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 186 ADELAIDE ST., WEST, TORONTO, ONT.

If you ever come once you will come back again, to

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Choice BEEF, Mutton & Pork,

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Just received, a shipment of

Small Hogs for family use

COME AND SEE THEM.

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Yarmouth Bloaters,

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We make ours knowing that it will not be

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Because we offer the best goods in the market at low and more than reasonable prices; therefore we have

No

Fear of the public refusing such a chance, but are confident that both our goods and prices will be warmly

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HILLIARD HOUSE BLOCK,

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SNOW FLAKE BAKERY.

Twenty per cent Discount on Dolls and Toys.

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And you're likely looking for something to lighten your wife's labor. Nothing you could buy would please her more than a good CARPET SWEEPER.



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Something entirely New and Elegant in design.

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Lake of the Woods.

This hotel has recently undergone extensive alterations and additions, having new service, elegantly furnished rooms, hot and cold baths, electric light and electric bells in rooms.

Suits of rooms for families may be secured in advance by telegraph. Four well arranged sample rooms for commercial travellers. Free bus meets all trains.

The new bar and billiard room is situated in the large basement and is delightfully cool in warm weather.

The Hilliard House is so complete in every way to meet the requirements of tourists; it stands second to none in the Dominion.

Those who wish for health, combined with the sight of the beautiful, should come to Rat Portage. It can be said by those who have visited the Lake of the Woods: "Mine eyes beheld new pleasures while the landscape round it measures," and the breezes of the lake combined with the fragrance of the pine lend their kindly influence to the reinvigorating of our system.

Mr. Hilliard has made arrangements with the proprietor of the steamer Kenosis to furnish tickets to guests for excursions on the lake at the low rate of fifty cents per day.

LOUIS HILLIARD, Proprietor.

